



The United States Army Band

"Pershing's Own"

Col. Thomas Rotondi, Jr., Leader and Commander
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Director, The U.S. Army Concert Band

Colonel Thomas Rotondi, Jr., is the eighth Leader and Commander of The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own." Originally from Chicago Heights, IL, Colonel Rotondi holds a Bachelor's of Music degree from Millikin University, Decatur, IL, and a Master's of Business Administration in Management degree from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, CA. While at Millikin University, Colonel Rotondi was very active in Phi Mu Alpha, the men's professional music fraternity, and was selected for Pi Kappa Lambda Honorary Music Fraternity.

Col. Rotondi joined the U.S. Army as a trumpet player in December of 1977. He received his commission in July of 1982 through Officer Candidate School, where he was an honor graduate. His previous assignments include Commander, Enlisted Student Company, and Director of Evaluation and Standardization, Armed Forces School of Music, Norfolk, VA; Executive Officer, U.S. Continental Army Band, Fort Monroe, VA; Staff Band Officer, Forces Command, Fort McPherson, GA; staff conductor and administrative intern, Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, Fort



Worth, TX (this assignment made possible through the Army's "Training with Industry" program); Commander/Conductor, U.S. Continental Army Band, Fort Monroe, VA; Deputy Commander, U.S. Military Academy Band, West Point, NY; Commander/Conductor, U.S. Army, Europe, Band and Chorus, Heidelberg, Germany; and Commander/Conductor of the U.S. Military Academy Band at West Point, NY.

Colonel Rotondi has studied conducting with John Giordano, Conductor Emeritus of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra; and with Eiji Oue, Music Director of the Minnesota Orchestra.

He has twice attended the Conductor's Seminar at the Tanglewood Music Center (summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra), where the faculty included Seiji Ozawa, Maurice Abravanel, and Gustav Meier.

His military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Army Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

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